

Tuesday 14 September 2021: Motions arising from the ARM – 15.00 - 15.45pm

EMERGENCY MOTIONS

(Emergency motions to be taken after chosen motions)

EM 1

Proposer: Dr Coral Jones (London regional council)

Seconder: Dr Jackie Applebee (London regional council / UK council)

That this meeting calls on the BMA to support the American Medical Association in opposition to the Texas laws Senate Bill 8 and Senate Bill 4.

EM 2

Proposed: Dr Kitty Mohan (UK consultants conference)

Seconded: Dr John Chisholm (UK council)

That this meeting notes the UK's impressive COVID-19 vaccine rollout and the announcement on 13th September 2021 that all UK Governments will extend the programme to all 12-15 year olds. We further note that the UK Government's commitment, announced at G7 earlier this year, to send 100 million vaccines overseas to support efforts for global vaccine equity, with 30 million due to be sent by the end of 2021, has been widely acknowledged as insufficient by the international community. We therefore call on the UK Government to:-

- i) make an immediate assessment of how many vaccines are held in surplus over and above the amount needed to complete the planned domestic rollout and to make this information publicly available;
- ii) urgently publish detailed plans for ensuring that these surplus doses reach low-resource countries where priority groups, including healthcare workers, have yet to be vaccinated as soon as possible and ideally before the end of 2021;
- iii) work closely with the World Health Organization's COVAX initiative to ensure that vaccines are distributed equitably to those most in need and avoid engaging in vaccine diplomacy;
- iv) call for an emergency G7 summit to mobilise the world's most wealthy nations to immediately share surplus vaccine doses globally.